Perspectives on Cross-site Collaboration

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What we (the MDE Community) have done

Shared development of infrastructure

Contributions to annotation & eval specs

Multi-site use (and hence debugging) of different scoring tools

Cambridge-LIMSI effort on alignment times

Shared data resources

SRI-ICSI mapping of Meteer data to V5

Technical exchange (this workshop)

What we have done (cont.)

Shared technology

UW-BBN work using SRI F0 processing, hidden event LM in SRI LM-toolkit

SRI-ICSI-UW team using UW-BBN TBL edit detection methodology (but not software), exchange of ideas on features

Integrated technology

Structural MDE technology integration w/in teams

Diarization collaboration between CUED & MITLL

Diarization + STT + structural MDE w/in & across teams

What we could do (or do better)

- More efficient development of infrastructure (trust reps from other sites & have small working groups, with macears mainly for controversy)
- Sharing knowledge of how to better use the Meteer data
- More sharing of base technology (POS taggers, F0 processing)
- Better coordination with STT activities

Barriers to Collaboration

Competitiveness of evals...

Some things won't be shared until after evals, but that's ok.

Need for students to publish...

Need a mechanism for citing student work, since pubs turn around slower than DARPA technology exchange.

(things to be sensitive to)